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Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi (CA-11) United States House of Representatives 1236 Longworth HOB Washington D.C.

## Re: Letter of Support for Southeast Asian Development Center – FY24 Community Project Funding

Dear Honorable Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi,

On behalf of the Asian and Pacific Islander Council of San Francisco (API Council), I am pleased to submit this letter in support of Southeast Asian Development Center's (SEADC) application for the FY 24 Community Project Funding Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) through the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (THUD) subcommittee.

For more than 46 years, SEADC has been committed to providing youth, families, immigrants, and refugee communities culturally competent services that build independence and strength. Without their expertise and commitment to serving low-income, underserved populations, especially monolingual Southeast Asian populations, many residents would not have access to jobs, housing, mental health, and critical life services. In this past year, more community members are seeking basic assistance after the impact of COVID-19, and SEADC's work has never been more important and relevant than now.

The API Council is 56-members strong and serves more than 250,000 Asian American and Pacific Islander San Francisco residents through policy/advocacy, research and network development. SEADC has been a long-standing member organization of ours and continues to expand its services to our community, and can continue its great work with additional resources and support.

I respectfully ask you for your consideration of supporting SEADC's application. I am available anytime to discuss my support. Please reach out to me if you have any questions at: cally.wong@apicouncil.org.

Sincerely,

Cally Wong
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